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SUBJECT: JACK ANDERSON COLUMN

REF: STATE 139052, JUNE 1

1. ANDERSON AIDE, JOE SPEAR, ADVISES THAT FOLLOWUP COLUMN ON TURKEY, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL QUOTES FROM LEAKED TELEGRAM, WILL APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (JUNE 8). ANDERSON INQUIRED OF TURKISH EMBASSY HERE WHETHER IT WAS CORRECT THAT ECEVIT HAD BEEN ANGERED BY DESCRIPTION CONTAINED IN QUOTED PASSAGE IN MAY 21 COLUMN AND WHETHER AMBASSADOR SPIERS HAD APOLOGIZED TO HIM LATER IN BRUSSELS.

2. ACCORDING TO SPEAR, EMBASSY REPLIED THAT ECEVIT WAS
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NEVER UPSET BY PERSONAL REFERENCES, BUT ONLY BY REFERENCES HE TOOK TO BE INSULTING TO TURKEY AS A NATION. AMBASSADOR SPIERS HAD NOT REFERRED TO THE COLUMN IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH ECEVIT IN BRUSSELS, THE TURKISH EMBASSY ADDED.

3. WE ADVISED SPEAR THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TURKS WAS CORRECT. SPIERS' TRIP TO BRUSSELS WAS TO DISCUSS

ECEVIT'S U.S. TRIP, NOT (AS ANDERSON MIGHT LIKE TO
THINK) THE ANDERSON COLUMN. VANCE

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